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REQUEST FOR COMPLETE OFFICE
AND RESTARTING OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE Technology Center 2600

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 19, 2002

Sir:

The Office Action dated November 19, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application is acknowledged. However, it is submitted that the Office Action of November 19, 2002, is incomplete because it does not consider the supplemental amendment which was filed on November 19, 2002, as evidenced by the attached copy of a post card receipt stamped by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) acknowledging receipt of the supplemental amendment on November 19, 2002.

The supplemental amendment of November 19, 2002, amended independent claims 16 and 21 and dependent claims 24-26.

According to the Technology Center 2600 receptionist, the supplemental amendment of November 19, 2002, has been entered into the PTO's computer records for the application, apparently on November 26, 2002, although it is unclear whether the application has been forwarded to the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a complete Office Action considering the supplemental amendment of November 19, 2002, and restarting the period for response pursuant to MPEP 714.05 (Eighth Edition, August 2001, page 700-181) which provides as follows in pertinent part (emphasis by underlining added):

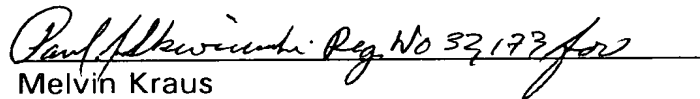
ACTION CROSSES AMENDMENT

A supplemental action is usually necessary when an amendment is filed on or before the mailing date of the regular action but reaches the Technology Center later. The supplemental action should be promptly prepared. It need not reiterate all portions of the previous action that are still applicable but it should specify which portions are to be disregarded, pointing out that the period for reply runs from the mailing of the supplemental action. The action should be headed "Responsive to amendment of (date) and supplemental to the action mailed (date)."

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue the complete Office Action as soon as possible, but in any event, before the due date of February 19, 2003, for filing a response set in the Office Action of November 19, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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